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Dr. Wallace Brode
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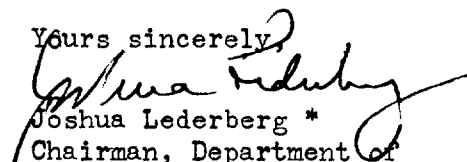
Dear Dr. Brode:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter to Sir MacFarlane Burnet, Director of the Hall Institute for Medical Research, which is affiliated with Melbourne University in Australia. It is, I think, self-explanatory.

The difficulty and delay in receipt of scientific publications is a petty frustration of no small importance to researchers in Australia. I mention it as a situation where the expenditure of a relatively small amount of money would have an extraordinarily beneficial effect in improving the productivity of scientific research in Australia and in further cementing the very cordial relations between the U.S. and Australia. Of course, the initiative should come from Australians in any scheme that might be worked out, and I do not want to intrude any further. I will comment however that part of the continued dependence of Australia in cultural and scientific matters on Great Britain stems from the easier flow of such material within the Commonwealth than with us.

I hope you will regard this letter as nothing more than an informal expression of a personal opinion on a matter that, I hope, will be taken up further by the parties more interested. Some expression of encouragement could go a long way, however.

Yours sincerely,


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